

Years Ago

16 YEARS AGO

Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel, celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Bethel Band officers elected were: president and business manager, Alfred Taylor; vice-president, Robert Lord; secretary-treasurer, Earl Davis; trustees, Ralph Young, Jesse Doyen, Alfred Taylor, Earl Davis, M. A. Gordon.

The opening of Bethel Theatre was announced to be on Dec. 19 under the management of Frederick Grover. The first picture was "South of Dixie," featuring George Brent and Brenda Marshall.

Bethel schools and Gould Academy were closed for a three weeks vacation because of an epidemic of measles.

Deaths—Charles H. Sanborn, Mrs. Kales Kahkonen.

26 YEARS AGO

Considerable work was done in the cemetery at Skillington with funds collected by Mrs. Annie Heath.

Newly elected officers of Bethel Grange were: Master, F. E. Russell; Overseer, Elton Dalley; Lecturer, Mrs. Louise Dalley; Steward, Ann Bartlett; Assistant Steward, Wilson Bartlett; Chaplain, Miss Rose Harvey; Treasurer, B. W. Kimball; Secretary, Mrs. Eva Hastings; Gate Keeper, Jasper Cates; Ceres, Mrs. Belle Hamlin; Pomona, Mrs. Celestia Kimball; Flora, Mrs. Jennie Cates; L. A. Steward, Mrs. Grace Stearns; Pianist, Mrs. F. E. Russell; Janitor, Ira Hickford.

34 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Myrilla Richardson celebrated her 75th birthday on Dec. 8. Myron Bryant and Reginald Robinson were attending Shaw's Business College.

Scout Executive Charles L. Polard was attending a conference of Maine Scout officials at Portland.

W. W. Hastings closed his Broad Street home and was in Portland for a short time before going to Florida.

Phillip Brown was working in W. C. Bryant's store.

Deaths—Mrs. Walter Brinck, Mrs. Lydia Fernald.

40 YEARS AGO

Miss Methyl Packard was at home after teaching the fall term of school at Gilad.

The young people were enjoying fine skating.

54 YEARS AGO

William Lowe drove two buck deer from the intervals near W. L. Chapman's to a point near his home on Paradise Street, where he shot them.

Several cars were derailed when a west bound freight broke apart while coming into the lower yard at Bethel station and both parts crashed near the Burlington store. Conductor Sweet was on a flat car which jackknifed in the crash, throwing him into the air with great force.

D. D. Matheson, formerly of Bethel, was killed when a railroad bridge collapsed at West Paris.

We must make men realize that there is a God, that they are in His presence and His power. The more we make men feel that God is in the world, the more justice and righteousness there will be.

—George A. Gordon

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9:30 a. m. Church School, with a place and a welcome for everyone. Part of the Church School hour will be given over to rehearsal for the Friday night program.

11 a. m. Service of Worship with Rev. C. H. Moyer of Gorham, N. H., as guest speaker. The girl choir will sing "The Wonderful Story."

Choir rehearsal and M. Y. F. Service will be omitted in order that all may attend the Cantata at the Congregational Church, presented by the combined glee clubs of Gould Academy.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service committee will meet with Mrs. Greenleaf at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to arrange Christmas baskets.

On Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. the Men's Brotherhood will meet for supper at the church. The evening will be given over to preparing candy bags for the Christmas tree.

Friday evening, Dec. 22, at 7 o'clock the story of the first Christmas will be presented in pageantry. The children will bring their gifts to the Christ Child in the red stocking program. All monies will go to the children's charity work of the Deaconess Hospital in Boston. We urge parental and family cooperation with the children in this program and invite you to spend Friday evening with the children of the church.

Following the program the usual Christmas trees with Jolly Old Saint Nick presiding.

The pastor goes to Gorham, N. H., for the Sunday morning service.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Charles L. Pendleton, Minister
Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Henry Hastings, Superintendent.

11 a. m. Morning Worship.

The theme will be preparation for Christmas and the sermon title is "In The Beginning."

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Theodore Emery, will sing Paul Andrews' "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus." Miss Nancy Van Den Kerckhoven will sing the aria, "He Shall Feed His Flock" from Handel's Messiah.

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GOULD ONE-ACT PLAYS IN REHEARSAL—WILL BE GIVEN ON CARNIVAL WEEK END

The three one-act plays which the Gould Academy students will present as part of the Winter Carnival program sometime in mid-February have been selected by Mr. Thompson as follows: "The Twelve Pound Look" by Sir James M. Barrie; "The Flattering Word" by George Kelly; and "Fumed Oak" by Noel Coward. The caliber of authorship would seem to insure an interesting evening for Bethel citizens.

Sir James Barrie needs no introduction to playgoers, with his long succession of hits, including "The Little Minister," "Peter Pan," and many shorter plays, of which "Shall We Join the Ladies?" and "The Twelve Pound Look" are perhaps the most famous. George Kelly wrote "The Showoff" and the Pulitzer Prize play, "Craig's Wife," while turning out hilarious one-act plays, of which "The Flattering Word" is a prime example. Noel Coward, master of everything in the theater, wrote "Fumed Oak" as one of nine short plays, which he and Gertrude Lawrence presented with success a few years ago for a full season's run on Broadway. Mr. Thompson will direct the Coward and Barrie plays, and Harry Mele will direct "The Flattering Word."

After extensive try-outs the following casts have been selected, with rehearsals starting at once: "The Flattering Word": Lena Zooker, Henrietta Swain; Mrs. Zooker, Laura Wilson; Mr. Rigley, Bob Knight; Mrs. Rigley, Jean Renwick; Tom Babson, Tom Ross. For "The Twelve Pound Look": Sir Harry Sims, Dana Cheyne; Lady Sims, Mary Lou Flynn; Kate, Lala Pelkie; Tomber, George Spelvin. For "Fumed Oak": Henry Gow, Bob Patterson; Doris Gow, Joy Smith; Elsie Gow, Nancy Dupee; Mrs. Rockett, Ruth Donahue.

BORN

In Rumford, Dec. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bean of Bethel, a son, Wayne Roland.

DIED

Galen B. Curtis of Glig Harbor, Wash., native of Paris, aged 87 years.

In Paris, Dec. 11, Richard L. Morse, aged 19 years.

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At the close of the November term of Superior Court Justice Percy Clarke signed 34 decrees of divorce.

Cruel and abusive treatment: Patricia Jannace vs. Anthony Jannace, both of Rumford. Clara Robinson vs. Joseph Robinson, both of Dixfield. Frances B. Burns, Norway, vs. Granville L. Burns, Oxford. Helen J. Dustin, Paris, vs. George L. Dustin, Lewiston. Carol J. Good vs. Charles V. Good, both of Portland. Bertha J. Thibodeau, Livermore, vs. Ramie M. Breaux vs. Henry J. Breaux, both of Rumford. Noella Y. Lowell vs. Henry A. Lowell, both of Rumford. Irene Pingree, Rumford, vs. Ellsworth L. Pingree, Magalloway Plantation. Cecil J. Frazier, Rumford, vs. Agnes M. Frazier, Mexico.

Joseph W. Holt, Canton, vs. Evelyn F. Holt, Wilton. Evelyn L. Files, Norway, vs. John W. Files, Stoneham. Dorothy G. Greer, Madison, vs. Robert J. Greer, Hebron. Verna Hunt, Norway, vs. Harrison W. Hunt, Lancaster. N. H. Glennis G. Henley, Greenwood, vs. Albert G. Henley, Portland. Helen R. Ford, South Paris, vs. Robert L. Ford, Seattle, Wash. Oriel Debois, Bethel, vs. Mary Floyd Debois, parts unknown. Lilla E. Bachelder vs. Onel L. Bachelder, both of Greenwood. Ernest C. Sargent, Mexico, vs. Barbara A. Sargent, New Haven, Conn. Ugas O. Pulkkinen vs. Dorothea V. Pulkkinen, both of Paris. Charmaine R. Smith, South Hill.

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TAX COMM. ADV. ABOLISH POLL TAX

A special citizens' tax committee, appointed by Governor Frederick C. Find out how the State finance its budget, recently report recommending a poll tax. But this was only part of the committee's recommendation. The general financial structure of the State government should be made more efficient; that other fields of State and government activity; that that would save the money and would make burden fairer on all of us.

Of all the recommendations the committee offer that advocating a new sales about the administration property or real estate tax interesting to most of the citizens.

This is the oldest tax and it is billed to you a property owner by the town in which the property—or by the State chance your property is organized territory.

What happens is this: sons in your town or city your property, decide if think it is worth, then certain percentage of the.

The percentage is decided by government each year all the voting citizens at the annual town meeting. The town meeting of government decides if money it wants to spend services to the taxpayers coming year, and then it amount into the value property in the town or number you get by this the tax rate.

Then the taxing authority municipality multiplies this by the value of your property, getting as an amount you will have towards maintaining the ment.

Inequality has been the biggest gripe against the tax for years—a resident town has kicked because sons have valued his house property at \$4,000, while in town he sees a friend's house valued at \$3 fact is that there has over-all similarity in the the assessor's work State.

So the committee recommends that the state establish districts, each of which enough to employ at least time assessor. The name be elected from the district would be required to make calls set by the State's assessor.

Furthermore, in most property tax is now a something less than 100 the present market value. To remedy this, it needed that all property be made on a 100 percent basis of the value of some designated year.

It is pointed out, the case, where most values rise, some a lot, tax naturally become lower taxes would not be increased.

These things, says the tax committee should be way, whether or not future votes to get through a new tax.

But if there is a new there is one more thing to be done with the proper the committee.

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TAX COMM. ADVISES ABOLISH POLL TAX

A special citizens' tax revision committee, appointed by Maine's Governor Frederick G. Payne to find out how the State should balance its budget, recently issued a report recommending a new tax to bring in the needed money.

But this was only part of the committee's recommendations about the general financial condition and structure of the State government.

It also recommended that far reaching and valuable improvements should be made in several other fields of State and local government activity; improvements that would save the taxpayers money and would make the tax burden fairer on all of us.

Of all the recommendations of the committee other than the one advocating a new sales tax, those about the administration of the property or real estate tax are most interesting to most of Maine's citizens.

This is the oldest tax in Maine, and it is billed to you if you are a property owner by the city or town in which the property is located—or by the State in the off chance your property is in an unorganized territory.

What happens is this: The assessors in your town or city look at your property, decide what they think it is worth, then tax you a certain percentage of that amount.

The percentage is decided by the city government each year, or by all the voting citizens of a town at the annual town meeting.

The town meeting or the city government decides how much money it wants to spend for its services to the taxpayers for the coming year, and then divides that amount into the value of all the property in the town or city. The number you get by this division is the tax rate.

Then the taxing authority of the municipality multiplies the tax rate by the value of your piece of property, getting as an answer the amount you will have to pay towards maintaining that government.

Inequality has been one of the biggest gripes against the property tax for years—a resident in one town has kicked because his assessors have valued his house and property at \$4,000, while in the next town he sees a friend with a similar house valued at \$3,000. The fact is that there has been little over-all similarity in the results of the assessor's work State-wide.

So the committee recommends that the state establish tax districts, each of which will be large enough to employ at least one, full-time assessor. The assessor would be elected from the district, but would be required to meet qualifications set by the State Tax Assessor.

Furthermore, in most places the property tax is now assessed on something less than 100 percent of the present market value of property. To remedy this, it is recommended that all property assessments be made on a strictly 100 percent basis of the market value of some designated year.

It is pointed out that in this case, where most valuations would rise, some a lot, tax rates would naturally become lower, so total taxes would not be necessarily increased.

These things, says the citizens' tax committee should be done anyway, whether or not the Legislature votes to get more money through a new tax.

But if there is a new tax voted, there is one more thing that should be done with the property tax, says the committee.

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"MUSICAL MOMENTS," BETHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL PLAY, PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

As in past years the annual presentation of the Bethel Grammar School, given at the William Bingham Gymnasium last Thursday evening, drew a large appreciative audience. The program, entitled "Musical Moments," revealed the talent of many pupils and showed the results of excellent coaching. Principal Chapman was at the piano during the program which follows.

Scene I—Winter Wonderland
Narrator—Shirley Mason
Chorus—Mary-Jane Chapman, Lorita York, Judy Freeman, Nesta Gordon, Rachel Kneeland, June Merrill, Beverly Noyes, Iva Rugg, Dawnie Christie, Betty Lou York, Howard Rolfe, David Stevens, Lee Carroll, David Willard, Maurice Dorsey, Billy Coolidge.

Specialties: King—Malvern Wilson, Queen—Barbara Jodrey, Snowman—Arthur Head, Skaters' Waltz—Carolyn Chadbourne, Sandra Myers, Rudolph and Santa Claus—Rudolph—Sammy Stone, Carlton Tyler, Santa Claus—Urban Leighton, Recitation, "Just 'Fore Christmas," Tommy Carter.

Scene II—Deep South
Narrator—Mary Belle Bennett
Chorus—Jeanne Newton, Sonja Swinton, Joanne Bennett, Serena Coolidge, Jane Bennett, Carolyn Sprague, Charlene Philbrick, Myrna York, Betty Ann Waterhouse, Marion Buck, Mary Ford, Patricia Monfette, Louise Hattat, Eva Merrill, Deanna Rugg, Carol Dea-Roches, Albert Sumner, Richard Roberts, Gilbert Haines, John Gilman, Peter Haines, Robert Butters, George Chase, Dwight Haggan, Stanley Newell, George Reynolds, Harland Hart, Franklin Harrington.

Specialties: Pickaninny—Ellen Lord, "Lazy Bones"—James Murphy, Mammy—Mary Belle Bennett, Dance Specialty—Edward Carter, Howard Gunther.

Scene III—Memory Lane, Part I
Tin Pan Alley.
Narrators—Richard Saunders, Arthur Mills.

Musical Producer: Dick Gilman
Chorus—Glenyce Berry, Suzanne Wight, Ruth Hall, Lillian Lavalley, Myrna Blake, Carol York, Suzanne Angeline, Catherine Carver, Lillian Carrier, Mary Laxton, Douglas Monfette, Bartlett Hutchinson, Gerald Smith, Gloria Wilson.

Specialties: "Harbor Lights"—Eleanor Sumner, Patricia Gunther, Jane Smith, "When You Were a Tulp"—Carla Grover, Roberts Bean, Walter Kittredge, James Swan.

Scene III—Part 2—Hollywood, U. S. A.
Narrator Everett Saunders
Specialties: Rainbow Girls—Donna Bartlett, Janice Saunders, Louise Lavalley, Ann Hastings, Leona Lavalley, Patricia Kittredge, "Three Little Words"—Lorraine Leighton, Merton Merrill, Joy Olson, Billy Lord, Carolyn Tibbetta, Teddy Brown, Bradley Benson, Herman Palmer, Dale Kingsbury Jim, the Station Agent—Howard Donahue, Passenger—Jack Greig, Train Conductor—Stanley Newell, Gerald Smith, Peter Haines.

Scene IV—Western Jamboree
Narrator Barbara Reynolds
Chorus Keith Bartlett, Robert Lord, Kenneth Nowlin, Earl Hart, Aubrey Daye, Everett Saunders, Gary Smith, Ronald Cummings, Carroll Verrill, Priscilla Skilling, Florence Skilling, Merton Haines, Benjamin Kellogg, Gerald Wight, Wayne Bartlett, Dorothy Foster, Barbara Hultbert, Winona Korfman, Ruth Murphy, Yvonne Baker, Martha Brown, Judy Van.

Specialties: Cowboy—Garold Kingsbury, Cowgirl—Grace Smith, "Zozo"—Leo Bottomley, Square Dancers—Colleen Tibbetta, Rays

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FIVE REAPPOINTED IN HUNT'S DEPUTY LIST

Sheriff-elect Clark C. Hunt of Norway has announced his list of deputies to serve during 1951 and 1952.

Stanley W. Haggell of Welchville, a veteran State Policeman, will be chief deputy. He is now a sergeant serving out of the West Scarborough barracks and will retire early next year. He is considered one of the ablest investigators in Western Maine and will bring to the staff the benefit of 20 years' experience.

Other deputies will be: Charles Hammond and Gilbert Stevens, South Paris; Albert Flanders, Norway; Stanley Hibler, West Paris; Albert Gallant, George Mckeriz, Stanley Wagnis, Rumford; Thomas Ellis, Mexico; Albert Grover, Bethel; Homer Farnum, Bryant Pond; Earl Libby, Waterford; Frank Ballard, Fryeburg; and Harry Hart, Magalloway.

Hammond, Gallant, Mckeriz, Grover and Ballard are now serving now on the staff of Sheriff Fernando F. Francis.

REVEAL PARTIAL LIST OF ALUMNI DANCE ATTRACTIONS

The committee in charge of the Christmas dance sponsored by the Gould Academy Alumni Association announces part of the program which will be introduced by Addison Saunders, master of ceremonies. The features made public include selections by the College Boys' Quartet, an act by Dick Young, and a tap dance by Betty Mills.

The dance will take place at the William Bingham Gymnasium on Thursday evening, Dec. 28. Tickets are on sale in advance and will be sold at the door. Table reservations may be made at the Bethel Spa.

WATER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES

Lewis P. Bissell, Extension Forester, University of Maine, says that a good way to keep Christmas trees green and safe is to place your tree in a bucket of water. When you cut your own tree or buy one saw off about an inch at its base. Make the cut at an angle. Then place the base of the tree in the water and keep it there as long as you keep it in the house. You may have to add water quite often, as the tree will be thirsty. Especially in a warm room. Of course you should use the usual precautions against fire when you trim your tree. Wrapping paper, cards, and cotton are more likely to catch fire than the tree itself.

Mrs. Phillip Paul of Church Street will entertain the choir of the Methodist Church Thursday night for rehearsal and Christmas party. Those attending will be: Mrs. Hickland, director, Mrs. Virginia Walker, the Misses Laura Wilson, Eugenia Haddon, Lillian Carrier, Dawnie Christie, Judy Freeman, Carla Grover, Glenyce Berry and Betty Lou York, and Frank Flint.

Blake, Lorraine Billings, Sandra Olson, Lorraine Leighton, Evelyn Winslow, John Gunther, Paul Murphy, Gene Haggan, Paul Stevens, Ronald Willard, Charlie Brown, Gene V. Finkle.

Chorus Patricia Gunther, Eleanor Sumner, Jane Smith, Nesta Gordon, Mary-Jane Chapman, Louise Lavalley, Rachel Kneeland, Carolyn Chadbourne, Sandra Myers, Donna Bartlett, Leona Lavalley, Ann Hastings, Glenyce Berry, Janice Saunders, Patricia Kittredge, Malvern Wilson, Billy Coolidge, Edward Carter, Keith Bartlett, Walter Kittredge, Howard Gunther, Gerald Smith, Robert Lord, Garold Kingsbury.

Specialties—"Yankee Doodle Dandy," Raymond Coulombe, Majorities—Dawnie Christie, Carla Grover.

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GOVERNOR ASKS CARE IN HOLIDAY DRIVING

Christmas, the most joyous of all holidays, can be turned into a period of mourning in less than a moment's time, Governor Frederick G. Payne pointed out while asking motorists to "exert great care" during the yuletide season.

"During this period thousands of motorists will be enroute to spend Christmas with loved ones. In their desire to reach their destinations as quickly as possible many will find it difficult to observe safety practices. Some of those who do not—who drive at excessive speeds or who pass on hills and curves—will not live to see Christmas. Not only will they lose their lives but they will cause the greatest grief on this day of days to those who love them. Therefore, I beseech everyone to use the utmost care so that Christmas will be a period of unalloyed joy," Governor Payne said.

State Police Chief Francis J. McCabe said that driving during this time of year is "particularly hazardous" because days are shortest in December and visibility poorest.

"In addition to poor visibility traveling is always exceptionally heavy during the Christmas season with people traveling to the cities and towns to shop. A greater number of pedestrians also used the roads at this time creating a still greater need of caution on the part of the motorist," he said.

He urged those who will "take a drink or two" to keep off the roads in the interest of everybody.

COMMITTEEN NAMED TO SERVE NINE COMMUNITIES IN OXFORD COUNTY P. M. A.

The election of 45 committeemen to serve the nine organized communities of the Producing and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Oxford County is announced by the county office of the organization at South Paris. These men, who will meet the county committee in arranging with farmers to participate in the twenty-one crop, pasture, and forest land conservation and improvement practices of the county program, are as follows:

For Community No. 1, comprising the towns of Brownfield, Denmark, Hiram, and Porter: Carroll B. Wadsworth, E. Gordon Richardson, Frank A. Welch, Lewis J. Bacon, and Aaron A. Blake. For community No. 2, Fryeburg, Stow and Lovell: Stuart E. Stanley, Eugene L. Flint, Robert H. Hill, Richard R. Fox, and Francis P. Wentworth. For community No. 3, Waterford, Gorham, Sweden, and Albany: Ralph F. Kluckner, R. O. Moulton, Benny J. Cyr, Frank H. Morse, Hugh W. Stearns.

For community No. 4, Norway and Greenwood: Ernest L. Watson, Nestor Tammen, Merle H. Brown, Don A. Delano, and Arthur Jackson. For community No. 5, Oxford, Paris, and Woodstock: Alpheus Jackson, Edgar H. Strother, Wendell O. Twitchell, Fred S. Bennett, and Hugo A. Hesketh. For community No. 6, Bethel and Hebron: Gerald H. Henry, Bertrand C. Back, W. Henry Allen, Stanley E. Bennett, and Vernon C. Townsend.

For community No. 7, Bethel, Gilford, Lincoln, Mason, Magalloway, Upton, Norway, and Hancock: William C. Chapman, Cedric A. Johnson, Fred W. Wright, Ernest L. Holt, and Evans I. Wilson. For community No. 8, Rumford, Andover, Byron, Mexico, Roxbury, and Milton: Martin W. Colby, Robert M. Silver, Harry O. Virgin, Lee Falkenhain, and Francis Putnam. For community No. 9, Canton, Dixfield, Pico, Hartford, and Sumner: Archer P. Howard, James G. Gammon, Bernard L. Adams Jr., Ora J. Coolidge, and Chester A. DeCoster.

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Starting Dec. 28th, my office will be closed Thursday afternoons instead of Wednesday, as it has been in the past.

P. T. A. MEMBERS LEARN OF NEW STATE SUBSIDY PLANS

The P. T. A. met Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. in the Community Rooms. There was a Christmas tree and carols were sung. Many presents were brought to be distributed in the schools.

Mr. Christie reported on a new bill passed on at the last meeting of the Legislature to form a State Board of Education, consisting of 10 members, five appointed by the Governor and five chosen from other educational organizations. The new bill aims to improve the State subsidy bill by giving subsidies, not equal to every city or town, but according to the valuation of their taxes, and the number of pupils in the schools. In this way each town or city receives a subsidy in relation to its needs. The committee is also studying the school housing situation, teachers' salaries, equality of pay, and the standards of teacher training schools.

The attendance banner was won by the first and third grades.

David Thompson gave a dramatic reading from parts of Dickens' Christmas Carols. Refreshments were served by Rita Davis and Phyllis Dock.

The next meeting of the P. T. A. will be held Jan. 16 at the music room of the Academy. A musical program by Charles Chapman will be presented. Mrs. Fittling of the State Department of Education will speak on "Adult Education."

A new committee, Addison Saunders, Phyllis Howe and Alma Young, has been formed to look into the matter of Adult Education in Bethel.

WEST PARISH SUPPER AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, SATURDAY EVENING

Men of the West Parish Congregation church will serve the Christmas Eve supper to their families and friends at the church dining room at 6:30 p. m. Saturday. Joint chairman are Elmer Bennett and Eugene Van Den Kerkhofen, and Harry Hastings is in charge of collecting.

After the supper the church school will present the following program: Greeting song, primary department, Welcome, Melvin Jordan, carol, congregation, play, The Living Christmas Tree, primary department, A Possibility, Elton Noyes, My Christmas Stocking, Penny Knowles, song, Charlie Mills, recitation, Nelson Hamblin, anthem, Christmas Lullaby, Thelma at Bethlehem Junior choir, prayer, Richard Knowles, Keeping His Birthday, third and fourth grade girls, Letters to Santa, third and fourth grade boys, Christmas on Other Lands, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls, Offertory, John Howe Jr., carol, congregation. It is expected that Santa Claus will attend the party.

REBEKAHS HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saint Rebekah Lodge held a Christmas party at the regular meeting Monday evening with Mrs. Tracy Bennett and Miss Eugene's Haddon in charge.

The program was as follows: Christmas tree with exchange of gifts, Christmas carol singing, card contest, in charge of Mrs. Wallace Coolidge, won by Mrs. Katharine Allen, vocal solo, Miss Eugene's Haddon and presentation of card to Mrs. Blanche Trask in honor of her 48th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Ruth Horton accompanied at the piano, birthday readings, Mrs. Victor Bennett, refreshments and birthday cakes for those with December birthdays, piano selection, Mrs. Herbert I. Bean.

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GOULD DROPS GAMES TO WILTON-GUILFORD

WILTON 43—GOULD 33

Gould played its poorest game of the year in dropping last Friday's encounter 33-43 to Wilton Academy. The Huskies started strong by gaining an 8 to 1 lead and holding an 8-3 lead at the first period. In the second period, Wilton rallied to tie the score and then take an 18-15 lead at the half. The "Blue and Gold" came back strong in the early stages of the third period, tying the score and then assuming a 25-24 lead momentarily. From here on, the team went quickly to pieces and Wilton turned in an 11 to 5 final period.

Masterman was again outstanding for Wilton with 17 points to his credit. Gould, Johnson, with 10 points, and Bennett with 8, played well. The team had a tough night connecting with the basket from the field, as well as from the foul line where they missed 20 out of 27 free chances. The defeat was Gould's second against two victorias.

	G	W	P
Gould	8	1	0
Wilton	1	0	2
Johnson	0	1	1
Bennett	0	0	0
Lowell	3	1	7
Johnson	5	0	10
Bennett	2	4	8
Agness	2	1	5
Collette	0	0	0
Totals	13	7	33

	G	W	P
Wilton	8	1	0
Jepson	1	0	2
Adams	0	1	1
Collins	1	0	2
McKeen	1	3	5
Masterman	6	5	17
Brown	3	1	7
Wagner	3	0	6
Stansfield	0	1	1
Poslin	1	0	3
Willsbury	0	0	0
Totals	16	11	43

GOULD 33—WILTON 43

In a close, hard-fought game last Monday night, the highly favored Guilford High team came through with a 36-33 victory. It was a tight battle near the finish with the score 22-20 with less than two minutes to go. It was Gould's best played game of the year. Lovell, visiting center, was the thorn in the home team's side. He hit 15 points and backboard play kept Guilford out front.

In the preliminary, Gould's understudies flashed some fine play at times, but fell before a good Gorham, N. H., Junior Varsity, 32-41.

	G	W	P
Gould	8	1	0
Johnson	3	2	8
Elwell	3	3	0
Collette	0	0	0
Lowell	0	1	1
Bolen	1	2	4
Agness	2	3	7
Bennett	0	1	1
Brown	0	0	0
Totals	9	12	30

	G	W	P
Gould	8	1	0
Hall	3	1	7
Rod Cole	1	0	2
Clafey	1	0	2
Church	1	0	2
Lovell	7	1	1
Rich Cole	1	0	2
Johnson	2	2	0
Totals	19	4	36

Gould 19 13 22 33
Guilford 13 19 29 36
Referee: Arnold and Raymond

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BRYANT POND

Mrs. Edith C. Abbott
Farm Bureau
The annual planning meeting of the Woodstock Farm Bureau was held at the Social Hall Tuesday, Dec. 12.

It was voted to carry "Square Meals for Health" the coming year and cleaning the library was chosen as a community project. Dinner was served by Mrs. Leora Farrington and Mrs. Edith Bryant. The calendar of work for the coming year was planned, followed by a Christmas tree with exchange of gifts.

The next meeting will be held at the Juvenile Grange Hall Monday evening, Jan. 15. This will be a point meeting for men and women, with the Locke Mills group invited. The subject, "Factors Affecting the Family's Future," is in charge of the H. D. A. and County Agent.

F. T. A.
The Woodstock P. T. A. met at the High School building Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. The committee reported that lights had been installed to light the school grounds. Principal J. D. Thompson announced the forming of an athletic league with several schools to promote basketball, softball and baseball. Plans for a six-man football team were discussed by members.

It was voted to buy 100 copies of the official U. S. government booklet, "Survival Under Atomic Attack," will be sold at 10 cents a copy. Two movies were shown by Mr. Stetson and Mr. Thompson, "The Fight for Better Schools" and "The Quarterback."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Juanita Allen, Mrs. Barbara Whitman and Mrs. Eva Mills. Committee appointed for the next meeting, Jan. 10, are chairman of refreshment committee, Mrs. Rebecca Howe, and entertainment, Mr. Thompson.

Garden Club
Mrs. Robert Rensen entertained the Bryant Pond Garden Club at her home for the Christmas meeting Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14. Lovely mantel and table decorations for the holiday season were displayed.

The Club voted to sponsor a community Christmas tree on the Corner Garden this year. A program arranged by Mrs. Gertrude Davis and Mrs. Betty Tebbets was presented, including group singing of Christmas songs; reading, "Star and Candle," by Mrs. Annie Bryant; reading, "Old Thoughts for Christmas," by Mrs. Anne Jordan; and playing of Christmas carols on record player. Gifts were exchanged by members and refreshments served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Cleo Billings and Mrs. Josephine Thompson.

Mrs. Norman Mills will be the hostess at the Jan. 11 meeting, assisted by Mrs. Laurence Jordan and Mrs. Leslie Abbott.

D. of U. V. Notes
Judith Grover Tent, No. 17, D. of U. V., held their regular business meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. There will be a Christmas tree with exchange of gifts as a feature of the next meeting. Verna Swan received the evening mystery package. The Patriotic Instructor presented the following program:

Biographies of the Presidents whose birthdays came in December: Martin Van Buren, Beulah Andrews; James Polk, Ruth Dunham; James Garfield, Verna Swan; Warren Harding, Phyllis Hathaway; Franklin Pierce, Albert Dunham; Andrew Johnson, Harriett Hathaway; Woodrow Wilson, Helen Ring; Zachary Taylor, Edith Whitman.

Two contests were held and three Sisters tied for high score in the first one. Phyllis Hathaway won the second contest.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and punch were served and Edith Hathaway and Edith Whitman were presented lovely birthday cakes made by Arlene MacKillop and Ruth Dunham.

Pythian Sisters
Evergreen Temple, No. 42, P. S., met Dec. 14, with 24 members present. As this was annual roll call night all responded with remarks. A special observance was held.

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Robert P. Phipps of Boston visited Karl Stearns Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Burns of Bryant Pond called on friends here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill, Mrs. Betty Morrill and Miss Frances Morrill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Laurice Morrill of Freeport.

Miss Mildred Morrill spent Sunday with the Albert Noyes family, Norway.

Steve Westleigh visited his brother James at a Lewiston hospital Sunday.

Miss Gwen Stearns is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Malcolm Mundt spent Monday with Mrs. Clayton Mills at Bethel.

for the Past Chiefs and they received gifts from the Most Excellent Chief in appreciation of services rendered her. The M. E. C. also presented a birthday cake and gifts to all the members. Mrs. Leah Deegan was given a blanket as a wedding gift from the members.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Most Excellent Chief, Yvonne Porter; Excellent Senior, Evelyn Bean; Excellent Junior, Myrtle Clifford; Manager, Blanche Berryment; Treasurer, Lois Davis; Secretary, Ella Cole; Protector, Barbara Tyler; Guard, Julia Morgan; Press Correspondent, Barbara Hathaway; Trustee for three years, Catherine Morgan; Representative to Grand Temple, Mabel Robertson; Alternate to Grand Temple, Edith Littlefield; Planist, Mildred Dunham; Installing Officer, Marguerite Chase.

Refreshments were served by Esther Farnum and Barbara Hathaway. After the next meeting, Dec. 28, a Christmas party will be held with exchange of gifts and refreshments in charge of Juanita Allen, Barbara Tyler and Blanche Berryment.

Grade School News
The following pupils of the Bryant Pond grade schools have perfect attendance records during the fall term: sub-primary, Wallace Farrington; first grade, Caroline Poland, Edward Schultz; second grade, Stephen Howe, Billy Taylor; third grade, Edmund Haakell; fourth grade, Christine Berry, Priscilla Wing, Stanley Whitman, Larry Whitman; fifth grade, Kaye Ring, Philip Davis; sixth grade, Pearl Farrington, Beverly Morgan, Denise Noyes, James Haskell, Ella Worth, Mann, Robert Sweetser; seventh grade, Lyman Wing, Robert Davis, James Whynaut; eighth grade, Priscilla Wing.

A two-act comedy, "The Peat," will be given at the Grange Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1951, at 8 p. m. by pupils of the fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. Mabel Andrew, teacher.

Franklin Grange met Saturday night with good attendance. A Christmas program was presented by members of the Juvenile Grange. A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts followed, with Santa Claus present. Refreshments were served.

Neil, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard MacKillop, is gaining from pneumonia.

Mrs. S. A. Mullen returned home from the New England Baptist Hospital, Boston, on Monday.

Mrs. Edwin Berry, West Paris is housekeeper at the home of Fred H. Whitman.

Claude Cushman went to Wethersfield, Conn., Friday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Robert Scherf, and family a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howe are announcing the birth of a daughter Dec. 15, who has been named Paula May.

Mrs. Lila Billings is improving at her home from an attack of double pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirke Stowell expect all their children home for the holiday, including their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Curtis, Lansing, Mich.; daughter, Miss Sylvia Stowell, from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.; and son, Cpl. Dexter Stowell, from Camp Edwards, Mass.

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WOODSTOCK HIGH

TIGER SPORT TOPICS
by Johnny Davis
Tigers Nip Mechanic Falls 34-30 In Another Thriller Dec. 8

The Woodstock Tigers nipped a tough Mechanic Falls varsity 34-30 to get back on the victory trail. Ellery of the home team was high scorer of the evening with 12 points. Buzz Greene tallied 11 to lead the Tigers. It was a fairly close game all the way and by the end of the third quarter the Tigers were only holding a one point lead. The Tigers will be trying for another victory Friday, the 15th, when they entertain the newly organized basketball squad of Canton High School.

The Tiger lasses added another win to their record with a close 33-31 verdict over the girls of Mechanic Falls. Trailing all the way until the final quarter, the Tiger girls rallied for a hard-earned victory. Gwen Cox led them in the rally and wound up the evening with 22 points. Abbott led the Mechanic Falls girls with 14 points.

Woodstock
Mills, f 4 1 2
Greene, rf 5 1 11
Farnum, c 1 2 4
A Hathaway, c 1 0 2
J Hathaway, rf 3 0 4
B Hathaway, lg 1 0 2
Tyler, lg 0 0 0

Mechanic Falls
Needham, lf 1 1 3
Leavitt, rf 3 1 7
Ohlund, rf 5 2 12
Ellery, c 0 0 0
Bernier, lg 0 0 0
Maher, lg 12 6 30

Woodstock 11 10 24 34
Mechanic Falls 8 11 23 30
Referee: Storey. Time: 48a.

Christmas Program
On Friday afternoon, Dec. 15, the students of Woodstock High School enjoyed a Christmas program under the direction of Mr. Stetson.

The program was as follows: 1. Adepte Fideles, by Latin Class; 2. Christmas Story from St. Luke, with Christmas carols by glee club; 3. Odettes, medley of carols; 4. Christmas tree, exchange of gifts.

system at Rand's store. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dunham and Kathy have moved into their new home which is being built on the Howe Hill road.

Sgt. Harry Swan Jr. is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swan.

The path to God is the path of the trivial round and the common task. --Robert Norwood

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Richard Carter, Correspondent
Mrs. Randal Stevens, Miss Mary Stevens and Mrs. Richard Stevens attended the Farm Bureau solicitors' supper at South Paris last week.

Augustus Carter and son Edward were callers in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buck were in Rumford one day last week.

J. H. Carter went to Augusta Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and Mrs. Augustus Carter were in Rumford last week.

Mrs. Randal Stevens and daughter Mary were in Norway this week.

Mrs. Lawrence Kimball will be at her home here for the rest of the month.

Larry Cummings of Locke Mills was the week end guest of Timmy and Tommy Carter.

The Middle Intervale Farm Bureau met at Mrs. Norman Dook's home Dec. 12. A planning meeting was held. It was voted to hold their meetings at the Methodist church during the winter months. There were 20 members present.

Mrs. Richard Carter was in Norway one day last week.

Ray E. Cotton, Edmund Withee and Lenny Cotton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter Sunday.

Mrs. Randal Stevens and daughter Mary spent the week end with Mrs. Baker of South Portland recently.

Mrs. Richard Carter and sons, Tommy and Timmy were in Lewiston one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cummings, Mrs. Ada Balentine and Buddy Conner of Locke Mills were evening callers at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter's recently.

Mrs. Ray Cotton visited her daughter, Lyndell Carter, one day this week.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Sandra Martin, Correspondent
Ross Martin has not felt as well as usual the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Martin and daughter Mary Jane have moved to Locke Mills for the winter.

Mrs. Beryl Martin and children were in Rumford Monday.

Roy Martin of Harrison was a caller at Beryl Martin's Thursday evening.

Leland Farr of West Poland was a visitor at Ross Martin's recently.

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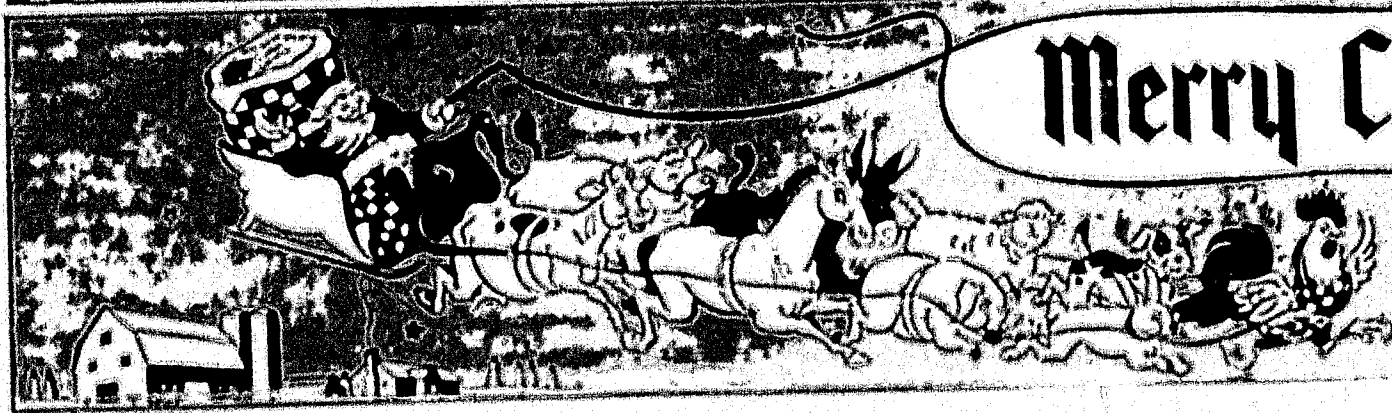
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"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Mrs. Mary Stewart of Chicago: I remember when Mother would buy five cents worth of safflower, break off small pieces and sew them in little bags, which were placed on our under-shirts to ward off contagion. One glimpse of a contagious disease sign on a door sent our school kids scurrying diagonally out on the street so we wouldn't pass the house.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, OLD TIMERS!

From O. O. Clayton of Monteville, Ind.: I remember the old salaried that stood on a sloping platform in the corner of the yard. The bottom was knuckled out and a layer of straw was placed inside the barrel. It was my job to carry all the wood ashes from the old cook stove and fill the barrel. Then I carried water and poured it over the ashes to leech out the potash. The brown water was stored in earthen jars until butchering time. Then it was used to make soft soap out of the waste fats. Mother proportioned the ingredients, but it was my job to keep the old from kettling back out by the wood pile until the soap was done.

(Contributions for this column should be addressed to The Old Timers' Column, Box 540, Frankfort, Ky.)

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By LYN CONNELLY

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Featured in the show is Joan Tompkins in the title role. Miss Tompkins is known for her parts in such Broadway hits as "My Sister Eileen," and "Pride and Prejudice." Joan Loring, who plays Suzanne, received rave notices for her performance in the play, "Come Back, Little Sheen." Former distinguished members of the cast include Alan Howitt who recently appeared in the smash musical "Call Me Madam" on Broadway. Mercedes McCambridge, who won the 1947 Academy Award for her performance in the movie "All the Kings Men" and Charles Paul, organist and composer, who has just returned from a trip abroad where he was guest conductor for the London Philharmonic.

PLATTER CHATTER
CAPITOL—More wonderful kid records in time for the Yuletide season. Santa Claus and Sparky team up in a pair of holiday ditties entitled "Do You Believe in Santa Claus?" with "Don't Want a Lot for Christmas" backing it. Frank de Val and his orchestra do a nice job with two cuties, "Teddy Bears Picnic" and "I'm a Little Teapot." Jerry Matlowe and Tubby team up on "Tubby the Tuba King" and "Frosty the Snowman." Then there's the unique "Destination Moon" with narration by Tom Noddy.

Markwell Staphors
At The Citizen Office

TAX REVISION COMMITTEE

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At present the State takes some of the money each town and city collects in the real estate tax each year, for the support of State government activities. As pointed out in an earlier article, the State gets nearly \$5,000,000 each from this source.

Maine's 16 county governments also take a bite out of this each year to finance their activities, so that not all, by any means, or the money the cities and towns collect each year can go to take care of over-rising costs they too are experiencing.

The tax committee would like to see the State give up its share in this tax, if it will decide, through the Legislature, to get its money from a new tax.

Two reasons were found that make this attractive. Committee members said; first the most efficient administration of the property tax can be made at the local level; and second, other sources of revenue are available to the State, such as the sales tax, which are not available to the towns and cities.

The Committee also gave a companion recommendation to this; that the poll tax be abolished altogether, since it wouldn't be needed. If it is continued, however, the committee decided women should be taxed for polls as well as men.

Some of the other recommendations, all designed to promote more efficient government, are:

That all state-owned cars and trucks and other vehicles should not pay the gasoline tax as they now do, producing a duplication of handling the same money.

That all motor vehicle weights be strictly enforced, because with the cost of maintaining highways rising fast, the State should not lose any money through breaking of the laws relative to the weights that trucks can carry on the roads.

And finally that another tax study committee be formed by the Legislature to study several technical things about present tax laws that this committee did not have the time to go into.

Some of these matters are: the way in which public utilities are taxed both by the State and local government, to see whether they are taxed fairly; and to see whether or not tax registration fees are arranged so that each kind of vehicle pays somewhere near according to his use of our highways; whether load limits on trucks

ABOVE THE HULLS

By LITTLE HULL

YOUR CORRESPONDENT is writing from Spain, where, 458 years ago, the king and queen financed an expedition—headed by a man named Christopher Columbus—which resulted in the discovery of a nice place for us to live. Our ancestors—to show their appreciation—then drove the Spaniards out of North America.

In 1898—for no valid reason, except the theoretical one that the Spaniards were crazy enough to sink the battleship Maine—we despoiled Spain of her few remaining colors and pushed her further down the economic ladder.

The present generation of Americans felt that it should add a little insult to those past injuries; so, at the behest of the Reds in the United Nations, we withdrew our ambassador from Madrid. This move of the Reds should have been obvious to our government and our people at the time it was made. It is clear now even to the feeble-minded. Had we not made fools of ourselves, Spain would now have 20 to 30 well-armed divisions and be capable of putting up a million fighting men in the field. And when we say "fighting men," we mean just that. They still have the men, but old fashioned armaments are useless against modern war machines.

What fools the Reds made of us! (And some of us haven't "got wise" even yet!) It isn't too far-fetched to suggest that if our President had headed our military strategists instead of our political scintillators we might even not be having trouble today in the Far East. For Spain could and should be the keystone of the present impasse between East and West. With a powerful Spain to guard our east flank and provide us a beach-head in Europe, we could afford—with the help of the Nationalist army on Formosa—to mercilessly dampen the imperiousness of the Red Chinese leaders.

During the last great war General Franco, under terrific pressure from the all-conquering Germans, remained steadfast to his sense of neutrality.

Too high for the type of highway found in the State, or whether it would be good to have trucks and other heavy vehicles use only certain designated roads, barring them from all others.

YOUR brain budget

1. The term "cantilevers" suggest indirectly which one of these measuring units? (a) pound, (b) foot, (c) fathom, (d) ounce.
2. The fraction 20/20 should make one think indirectly which one of the following flowers? (a) iris, (b) pansy, (c) gardenia, (d) violet.
3. Which one of the following terms suggest a mental state rather than an anemic condition? (a) pallid, (b) pale, (c) gloomy, (d) sallow.
4. "Emolument" means (a) bribe, (b) oilment, (c) salary, (d) inscription.
5. "Esoteric" means (a) obtruse, (b) strange, (c) neurotic, (d) moral.

ANSWERS:
1—(b) foot (absolutely).
2—(c) gardenia.
3—(c) gloomy.
4—(c) salary.
5—(a) obtruse.

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REPAIRS MADE electric lamps. Oil ed to electricity. Lamps, jugs, bottles and v lamps for sale. F. West Bethel. Tel. 2.

Leave Shoes at 6 for repair and c Monday, Wednesday, EXCEL CLEANERS INC., Auburn, Maine.

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HOLIDAY HAPPINESS FILL YOUR HOMES

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Bob's Spo

Classified Advertising

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FOR SALE—Large Glenwood wood burning heater. JOHN KENNEDY. 1p

FOR SALE—Special Christmas offer—3 six weeks old female Beagle pups, \$10 each. NORMAN DOCK. 51

FOR SALE—Slightly used large size Franklin fireplace stove. One six covered kitchen range in A1 condition. CHARLES E. MERILL. 51-1

FOR SALE—One used davenport, \$10; 1 two piece parlor set, \$25; coal and wood also oil heaters, \$15 up; end heater, \$25. Kitchen ranges, \$25 up. Pianos. Sewing machines. Everything in new furniture. **MINER'S VARIETY STORE**, 342 Waldo St., Rumford. Tel. 1207. 2p

FOR SALE—One 1940 1 1/2 Ton Chevrolet Truck. Good condition. 150" wheel base. Complete with platform body and stakes. E. L. TEBBETS SPOOL CO. Call at office. 45tf

FOR SALE—1 pair Ski Boots, size 6, \$5.00. MRS. JAMES SPINNEY. Tel. 11-11. 51

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CEMENT AND CINDER BLOCKS. We deliver. Also free hardwood sawdust. **FOREST PRODUCTS CO.**, Locke Mills. 44tf

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FOR SALE at the Citizen Office—Typewriter Ribbons for Underwood, Royal, Remington, Nolesless, L. C. Smith and Corona machines. Ribbons for Remington, Sundstrand, Dalton, Victor and Corona adding machines, 55c each. Pen-cil and Typewriter carbon papers. 11tf

MISCELLANEOUS

REPAIRS MADE on all kinds of electric lamps. Oil lamps converted to electricity. Lamps made from jugs, bottles and vases. Novelty lamps for sale. **FRANK HALL**, West Bethel. Tel. 26-12. 46tf

Leave Shoes at the Bethel Spa for repair and clothes to clean Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. **EXCEL CLEANERS AND DYERS, INC.**, Auburn, Maine. 44tf

FLOOR SANDING—I have a floor sander and edger. S. H. BROWN. 20tf

Place orders now for cedar posts and poles—all sizes and lengths. Peeled lumber for log cabins. **JOHN KORHONEN, R. F. D. 2, Bethel.** 17p-1f

LEAVE SHOES AT KARL DAVIS for repair. **RICHEN'S SHOE SHOP**, Gorham, N. H. 40tf

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 15 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.

More than 25 words, one cent per word the first week and one-half cent per word each succeeding week.

Card of Thanks, 75 cents. Resolutions of Respect, \$1.00.

MALE HELP WANTED

WANTED—Men, Teams, and Tractors for woods work. Camps and hovels on jobs. All piece work. **JOHN KORHONEN**, Bethel. 45tf

WANTED

WANTED—USED TYPEWRITERS. If you have a typewriter which you do not need, why not turn it into money and make it available for someone who really needs it? Phone 100. **THE CITIZEN OFFICE**. 39tf

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—Quimby Farm at Gilhead. **CLAYSON VASHAW, R. F. D. 2, Bethel.** 38p-1f

COMMUNICATION

To the Bethel Oxford County Citizen:

May I call the attention of your readers to the valuable work being done by World Wide Broadcasting Foundation?

"In most of the world, broadcasting belongs only to state governments. These programs are recognized as official propaganda and discounted. The FREE voice of Radio Boston is recognized by eager listeners in 58 countries around the world as the voice of the people of America," says a folder sent out by the Foundation. And further it states: "A listener in Poland wrote in amazement, 'Is it TRUE your program is free of government control?'"

"On 'The People Speak' programs and 'This Is America' series, people from all walks of life—not trained propagandists—tell their own stories of what it's like in America. Factory workers, truck drivers, club women, and travelers tell how they live, work, rear their children, buy and furnish their own homes. They prove through the freedom given them in recording their own statements and observations that here mankind is free."

"One listener in Holland wrote: 'You make us realize that America is not all gangsters and Tobacco Road or swimming pools and expensive cars, as the cinema would have us believe.'"

"The Voice of Freedom program goes out over WRUL. The World Wide Broadcasting Foundation of Boston, Massachusetts is a non-profit organization which makes this equipment available for the Foundation programs as well as for the programs of the United States Department of State on a facilities cost basis."

Any one desiring to know more of this valuable work should get in touch with the office at 133 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Thank you for your courtesy in sharing this item of current interest.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Irma H. Thompson

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE AND VICINITY

—Mrs. Harlan Bumpus, Corres.—
Rev Alvin Strong conducted the church service at the Town House Sunday afternoon. There was a congregation of five.

Round Mountain Grange held a special meeting at their hall Monday evening, Dec. 18, with seven members present. The volunteer literary program was as follows: Riddles, Annie Bumpus; readings, Edith Stearns; quotations, Hazel Wardwell and Lilla Stearns; current events, Hugh Stearns, Harlan Bumpus. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mrs. L. J. Andrews visited Mrs. Flora Newcomb at Norway Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlen Keniston were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McAllister and daughter, Elma, were Sunday callers at Ray Andrews.

Ray Andrews and sons, Linwood and Wayne, visited Edwin Morrill Saturday evening.

The Ladies' Farm Bureau met with Mrs. Olive Spianey Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13, for their planning meeting, with 26 present including children. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

SONGO POND

—Miss Ralph Kimball, Corres.—

Mr. and Mrs. George Logan were in Rumford on business Saturday night.

Mrs. Stanley Lapham, Mrs. Earlen Keniston, Mrs. George Logan and Mrs. Ralph Kimball were in Lewiston shopping, Monday.

Herbert Woodward of Portland spent Tuesday night at Raymond Arsenault's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert of West Bethel had supper at Stanley Lapham's, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lapham and children, Richard and Judy, attended a birthday party for their niece, Elaine, at Stoneham, Monday night.

Walter Lapham of Houlton spent the week end in town.

MEMBERS NOMINATING COUNTY DIRECTORS

Nomination ballots were mailed out last week by the Maine Publicity Bureau to members in all 19 counties to signify their choice for three directorships in each county.

Tabulation of returns will be made by the Nominating Committee in advance of the 23rd annual meeting of the Bureau, which will be held in Portland on Jan. 13. Under the Publicity Bureau's voluntary, democratic form of organization, every member thus is given the opportunity to indicate preferences for the directorships, which are voted on at the annual meeting.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Arthur P. Maxwell of Biddeford, assisted by Robert N. Haskell, Bangor; Frank S. Hoag, Lewiston; Dr. C. I. Swift, Island Falls; and R. H. Tyler, Portland.

Maine school children need more foods high in carotene, such as yellow vegetables and yellow fruits, and more foods high in vitamin C, such as citrus fruits, tomatoes, and raw cabbage. This is shown in studies of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

Follow the directions of God... and though it be through deserts, He will direct you into the paths of peace. —Mary Baker Eddy

EAST BETHEL

—Mrs. Bernice Noyes, Corres.—

Lendall Novens is spending the Christmas holidays at home from the University of Maine.

Miss Mina Stevens is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Noyes this week.

Miss Carolyn Noyes is home from Rumford Point for a few days.

Mrs. Marilyn Mollison of Orono is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Noyes.

Miss Virginia Hastings was home from Bath for the week end.

George and Gordon Gamble of Springfield, Mass., were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hastings.

Mike and Cheryl Boyce stayed with their grandmother, Mrs. Richard Houle, Sunday, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Boyce, of South Paris moved to Milton.

Little Carol Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Olson is recovering from her recent illness.

Marguerite Swan of Norway called at Mrs. S. B. Newton's Friday and Jean Burns returned with her to spend the week end.

Ellen Burns and Gordon Coffin of Norway called at Mrs. S. B. Newton's Sunday. Jean Burns returned with them.

Elwin Billings of West Paris called on his sister, Mrs. Lewis Smith and his father, Everett Billings, Sunday.

Early Risers 4-H Club

The first meeting of the Early Risers 4-H Club was held December 12 at the Grange Hall. The meeting was called to order by the past president, Clark Bartlett. The club pledge and flag salute were given by the members.

James Haines is leader and Almon Coolidge assistant leader. The following new officers were elected:

President—Lewis Smith.
Vice President—Melvin Olson.
Secretary—Mary Coolidge.
Treasurer—Dorothy Bartlett.
Color Bearer—Robert Dorey.
Club Reporter—Arlene Coolidge.
Cheerleader—Clark Bartlett.
Mr. Christie was present and told about what our 4-H would be like for the coming year and about the Fat Lamb project which will be a new project.

A WORD TO WORK WITH

Today's word is child.
This word came into our language through the Anglo-Saxon, child, and the Gothic kild, meaning womb. In Webster's International Dictionary we find that it means a son or a daughter and that it is rarely used of animals. Childish means filial, meek, submissive, innocent, obedient, dutiful, trustful, confiding.
"And the child grew and waxed in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." Luke 2:40.

In Revelation we read: "there appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars... And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God and to his throne." Rev. 12:1-5.

Say you saw it in the CITIZEN.

We Extend Our
Season's Greetings

In words and
music—a very
Merry
Christmas
1950

Bethel Restaurant
MARY BISHOP



Best wishes
for your
happiness
this Yuletide.

Gallant's Service Station



HOLIDAY
HAPPINESS
FILL YOUR
HOMES.

1950

Bob's Sport Shop



Joy be
yours this
Christmas

1950

"Mush" McMillin



The true
peace and
joy of the
season be
with you...

1950

Crockett's Garage



MAY YOU
ENJOY AN
ENCHANTED
CHRISTMAS.

1950

Don Brown Studio

Closed except by appointment
December 25 to 29



Our heartiest
good wishes
for your
Yuletide joy.

1950

Mundt-Allen Post
AMERICAN LEGION

Bundles of Happiness

1950

To all in our town
May you enjoy a
superbly happy
Christmas.



Cotton's



1950

All the joy...

that a Merry
Christmas can mean
is our sincere wish
for you this glad
holiday
season!



BOSSERMAN'S Pharmacy

Merry Christmas

Good friends,
let us be
thankful for
this gracious
season.

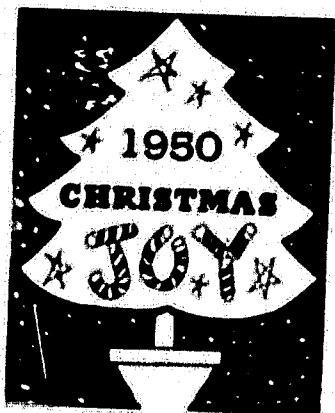
1950

Bucky's

SEASON'S
Merry Christmas
1950
GREETINGS

We're deeply
grateful for
the gift of
your friendship.

Ruth Carver Ames



HAPPINESS RULE
YOUR HOMES
THIS SEASON.



E. P. Lyon



May Santa's
packages
hold peace,
joy and
health.



Grand Trunk Railway
Railway Express Agency, Inc.
Western Union Telegraph Co.
J. RUSSELL GRAHAM, Agent



The peace of
Christmas
be yours.

1950

Charles E. Merrill
RETAIL BUILDING SUPPLIES

To you, a full
measure
of peace
and
plenty.



Bethel Savings Bank



We want to say, with
deepest sincerity,
a very happy
holiday
to you.



1950

Bethel Red & White
STUART F. MARTIN

Let a holiday spirit prevail, and
giver and receiver alike cherish
the happiest Christmas ever.
May the faith of the
children be strong in
your hearts.



THE DICK YOUNG SERVICE STATION

Leased and Operated by
PETE CHAPIN



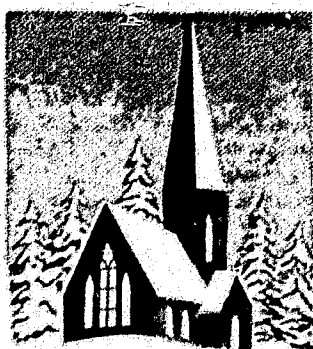
A sprightly,
gay Christmas
to you:

Gould Academy
ELWOOD F. IRELAND, Headmaster



A bottom-
of-the-
heart wish
for Holiday
happiness.
1950

McLanis Cobbler Shop



May heaven
and nature sing
for you this
season.



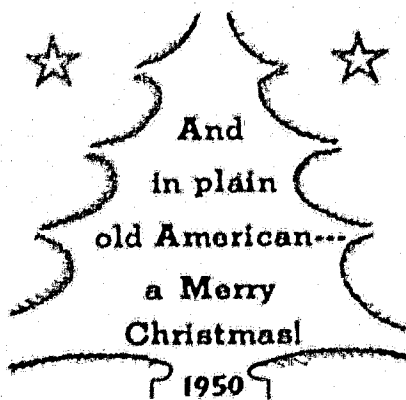
Gilbert's Beauty Salon



Here's to a
bright and
beautiful
Christmas
1950

Bryant's Market

*Joyous
Noel*



Brown's Variety Store



Let carols
proclaim our
Christmas wish.

1950

Van Tel. & Tel. Co.



Your Merry
Christmas is
in the bag
this year.



D. Grover Brooks



It's the season
for jollity. Let's
share it.



Bennett's Garage, Inc.



The Specialty Shop



REPEAT THE
SOUNDING JOY
THIS CHRISTMAS.



Central Service Station



MAY ALL THE
BLESSINGS OF
THE SEASON
BE YOURS.

Bethel Spa

NORM and JUNE GREIG

Nobody's Business

The successful effort of the Lions Club in completing the Main Street decorations last week, in addition to their customary lighted tree at the junction of Main, Church and Broad Streets, deserves and is receiving high compliments. Besides this there seems to be more than usual interest in the holiday decoration of homes and places of business. All this helps to make a more attractive community.

From Tuesday to next Monday, Christmas day, are the shortest days of the year. Although the sun continues to rise later for a while it will set enough later to lengthen the days three minutes by the end of the year.

Permanence of Bethel's lumber industry, which pessimists view with alarm at times, may be assured perhaps by additional construction now going on at the mill of L. E. Davis, Richard Davis, Grafton Lumber Co., and perhaps others. Woods conditions due to fall rains continue to hamper mill operations as logs and hardwood on many jobs cannot be moved until the ground freezes.

Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

One of the most severe earthquakes for some time was reported on the morning of Dec. 20. It centered in New England and lasted about a minute. No damage was reported.

20 YEARS AGO

Santa Claus was to be present at the Christmas tree on Bethel Common, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Ford sedans driven by H. A. Packard and Roland Kneeland collided on the icy road near the Pettengill farm in Rumford. No one was injured but the cars were badly damaged.

Forty-three attended Ladies Night of the Bethel Lions Club at Bethel Inn. Alton C. Wheeler was the speaker.

Lewis B. Brown of Waterford was instantly killed when he fell on a power saw while sawing alabaster in Lovell.

Deaths—Mrs. Ella A. Bryant, Mrs. Jennie Mover, Addison S. Ellingwood, Lewis B. Brown.

30 YEARS AGO

The Van Telephone & Telegraph Co. was organized to furnish telephone service in Albany, Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Mason and Newry.

A party given by the Ladies Club at Garland Chapel was a farewell party for Mrs. W. C. Curtis and a welcoming reception for Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Achenbach.

Jeff Smith, leader of Boys' Clubs of Maine, addressed the Gould Academy students.

H. W. Boyker was assisting in Carver's store.

Mrs. Clarence Bennett completed her duties in W. C. Bryant's store. Burnett's sawmill on the W. R. Chapman place by across the road from Riverside cemetery burned.

Death—Mrs. Frances M. Hutchins.

40 YEARS AGO

Frank Kendall was clerking in R. E. L. Farwell's store.

West Bethel Alanson Tyler was delivering pictures. Mr. Bentley, Grand Frank freight inspector had visited there. George Bennett and H. W. Brown were cutting pipe for Henry Bennett on the north side of the river.

D. B. Peckley enlarged his blacksmith shop at Bryant Pond and was doing horseshoeing in addition to job work.

Bethel street lights were to remain on until 12 o'clock on Saturday night, Dec. 24.

Death—John P. Hapgood.

Herrick & Park had a long distance telephone installed in their law office.

A week of zero weather made an bridge across the Androscoggin at Northwest Bethel.

Ten accidents on the Grand Trunk occurred in 10 days. In the latest brakeman Johnson was killed while asleep in the caboose when train collided at Gorham N. H. station.

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IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

David Durgie, U. S. N., of Newport, R. I., is spending a 10 day leave in town.

Mrs. Charles Bryant is confined to her bed with foot injuries received last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clark of Guilford were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt Jr., of South Portland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Russ of Bryant Pond were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lapham.

Mrs. Mac McCrea will leave this week end to spend the winter with her son in Crown Point, N. Y.

Miss Janet Palmer of Portland was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garber.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant and son George of Lewiston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. Royden Keddy will arrive Thursday to spend the week end with his father, Simeon Keddy.

Floyd Bartlett and family are occupying an apartment in the Andrews house on the Songo Pond road.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Emmons and daughter Linda are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson will spend the week end and holiday with relatives in East Sumner and Falmouth.

James Browne, II R. N., returned to duty Wednesday after spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Potter, daughter Barbara, and Mrs. Robert Keniston were in Littleton, N. H., Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. Edward Stanley of M. C. L. Pittsfield and his mother, Mrs. E. R. Stanley of Berlin, was callers at the Stanley home Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Freeman returned Tuesday from the Bath Memorial Hospital Tuesday, where she has been a patient several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chadbourn and family will spend the holiday week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos T. Saunders at Clinton, Mass.

About 75 enjoyed the Christmas party of the American Legion and Auxiliary Sunday afternoon. Gifts were distributed to the children and refreshments were served.

Ernest Blalock returned to his duties at the selectmen's office for a short while Saturday for the first time since he has been confined to his home several weeks with a back injury.

The first zero weather has arrived although daytime weather has been pleasant and comfortable. A fall of snow Sunday made the highways too smooth in places for a while.

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Jan. 10 at the home of Mrs. Theodore Emery. Members will sew for the Red Cross. The committee is Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Roy Moore and Mrs. George Lathrop.

Irving Lee Carver, class of 1923, has been named a Scholar of the Second Bank at Yale University for the academic year of 1949-50. Scholars of the Second Bank are those students who have attained a general average of 80-82.

The ski tow is being improved and interest is now aroused by the sight of snow. Membership tickets can be purchased from Brooks' store ski department or Nancy Carver, Mary Anne Myers, Mary Jane Chapman, Wilbur Myers, Kimball Ames, and Norvin Humphrey who will be in charge of the tow, replacing Frank Nary.

Among the students home for the Christmas recess are: Lee Carver, Yale University; Isabelle Bennett, Russell Sage, Richard Ireland, Middlebury College; Jackie MacFarlane, Lela Ann Van Den Kerckhoven, Donald Lord, Richard Emmons, University of Maine; George Bryant, Bates College; Beona Bean, Laura Bennett, Irene Wright, Gorham State Teachers' College; Martine Anderson, Marilyn Adams, Farmington State Teachers' College.

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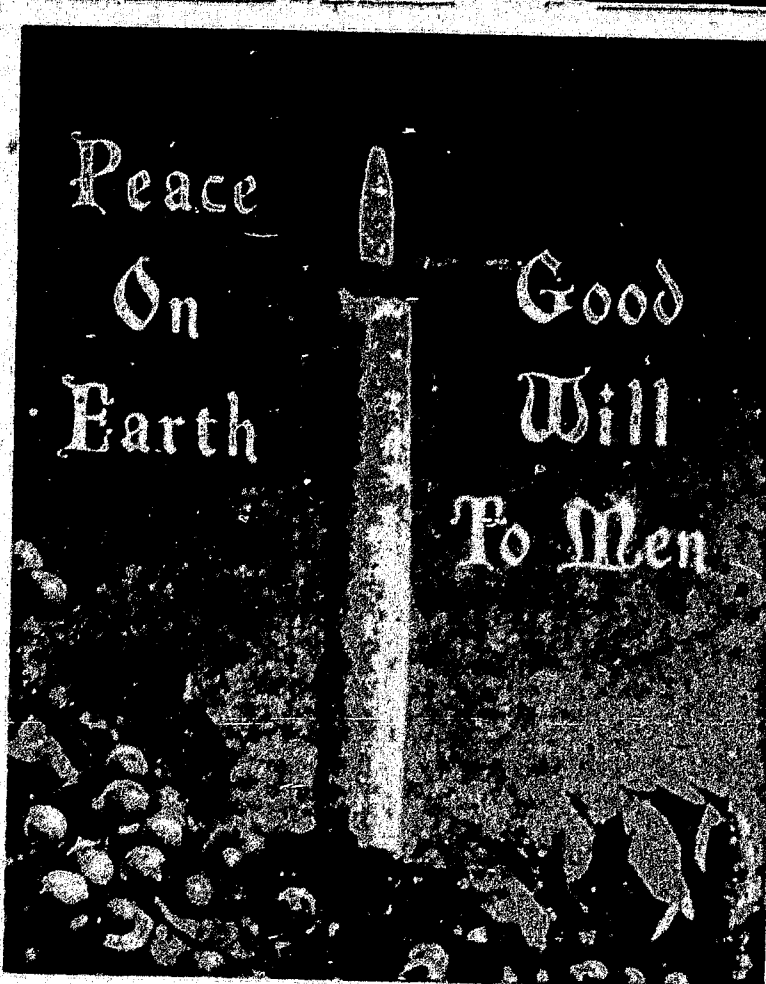
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Gems of Thought Service Christmas

We must go on thinking less about ourselves and more for one another; for so, and so only, can we hope to make the world a better place and life a happier thing.

—King George VI.

The basis of Christmas is the rock, Christ Jesus. The basis of Christmas is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, love that "suffereth long, and is kind."

—Mary Baker Eddy.

The one thing and only one thing that can melt this human world of ours into a family which will be characterized by brotherhood and the Golden Rule and the spirit of the Good Samaritan, is the love of God. That is the meaning and message of Christmas.—Dr. Daniel L. Marsh.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

—St. Luke.

Anyone can have a "white Christmas" who has exiled hate from his heart and put envy and jealousy to flight.—Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones.

There is one thing this world has not yet tried, and that is a complete surrender to Christ—a complete acceptance of its divine grace and guidance. This is the Christmas gospel that should not be viewed as merely an event that took place two thousand years ago.

—Rt. Rev. William T. Manning.

SECOND WASSAIL HELD AT GOULD WEDNESDAY EVE.

Local and boarding students of Gould Academy gathered at the Marian True Gehring Students' Home Wednesday for a wassail party. After singing Christmas carols and songs, the wassail was enjoyed. Wassail is a mixture of cider and fruit juices served hot in the traditional old English manner.

Gould's first wassail party was held last year.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. David Hickland, Pastor
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9:30 a. m. Church School, with an invitation to everyone to come and study again the meaning of great stories, great lives and great purposes.

11 a. m. Service of Worship with sermon by the Pastor. The sermon subject: "Holy Night Divine."

The all girl choir will sing "There Were Shepherds" by E. L. Ashford. The choir rehearsal will be omitted Sunday and will be called later in the week.

7 p. m. The Methodist Youth Fellowship with a special program and an invitation to all their friends to meet with them. Laura Wilson will have charge of the service.

WEST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Charles L. Pendleton, Minister
Services for Christmas Sunday, December 24.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Henry Hastings, Superintendent.
11 a. m. Morning Worship.

The choir will sing Bach's "Sleepers Wake!" from his Church Cantata 140.

Miss Nancy Van Den Kerckhoven will sing C. Whitney Coombs' "The Christ Child."

The sermon theme is "Good Tidings of Great Joy."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Lesson-Sermon used in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

You are cordially invited to attend the services of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, or the service of the branch church or society, near you.

The Golden Text is from Isaiah (9:6): "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders."

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COUNTY LEADERS OF MARCH OF DIMES MEET AT RUMFORD

There was a pre-campaign meeting of the women's and men's divisions of the Oxford County Chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis at Hotel Harris, Rumford, last Friday. Luncheon was served at noon to a good attendance of both women and men.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize women's and men's activities in preparation for the approaching March of Dimes Campaign which will be held throughout the nation from Jan. 16 to Jan. 31.

Beatrice V. Brown was appointed as town chairman for women's activities in Bethel, Gilead, Upton, Newry and Locke Mills, and John H. Compass chairman for men's activities.

After the luncheon a most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Harold B. Dumont of Skowhegan, State Chairman for women's activities for the NIFP. She told of the work of the foundation and the National, State and County levels.

The very life of the foundation and its chapters depends upon the support of each and every person in our communities for the increasing needs for funds in this fight against infantile paralysis.

Miss Brown and Mr. Compass are asking for the wholehearted support of Bethel and surrounding towns to make this one of the biggest years Bethel has ever known to continue our patient care program for polio.

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